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MS. HUTCHINSON: I would just like to say -- my name is Margie Hutchinson from Colville Tribe. I sat on the state committee for agriculture in '97 to 2000, and I got to see all the programs that the farmers received. And I just wish that some of those programs could reach Indian Country. I mean they're very well written programs, and I think, you know, that the USDA could write some programs for tribes to share with that USDA money. We have a lot of idle land lines that are used for wildlife habitat, but yet we don't get any money for them. I'd just like to see, you know, some of our idle lands, you know, getting some money for them because they are providing the wildlife habitat. And noxious weeds, we need some money for noxious weeds. I mean this is kind of taking over in our area. That's all I can think of right now. But thank you for being here.

MR. RACINE: Anthony.